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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ASPIN STATEMENT ON AID TO INDONESIA  
DATED MARCH 1:

QUOTE: WASHINGTON, D.C. -- REP LES ASPIN (D.-WIS) TODAY  
URGED THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND PENTAGON TO "ELIMINATE ITS  
37 MILLION DOLLAR GIVE AWAY FOR NEXT YEAR TO OIL RICH  
INDONESIA."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND PENTAGON HAVE ASKED CONGRESS TO  
APPROVE 25 MILLION DOLLARS IN MILITARY AID AND 12 MILLION  
DOLLARDS IN ECONOMIC AID FOR INDONESIA IN 1976, ASPIN  
NOTED, CITING THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUEST.

"IT IS FISCAL INSANITY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO BE  
GIVING AWAY 37 MILLION DOLLARS TO INDONESIA, WHILE THEY  
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ARE SOAKING US FOR TEN DOLLARS PER BARREL OF OIL," ASPIN

ASSERTED IN A STATEMENT TODAY.

"INDONESIA EARNED MORE THAN 5.7 BILLION DOLLARS FROM ITS OIL EXPORTS DURING 1974. WHAT POSSIBLE JUSTIFICATION IS THERE FOR CONTINUED AMERICAN GIVE-AWAYS FOR A COUNTRY THAT IS TAKING US TO THE ECONOMIC CLEANERS?" ASPIN ASKED.

ASPIN EXPLAINED THAT INDONESIA EXPORTS ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF ITS 1.4 MILLION DOLLAR PER DAY PRODUCTION OF OIL TO THE U.S. THE U.S. DEPENDS ON APPROXIMATELY 6-7 PERCENT OF ITS CRUDE OIL FROM INDONESIA.

"THIS COUNTRY IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A HUGE RECESSION SEVERELY AGGRAVATED BY INFLATED OIL PRICES," ASPIN CONTENDED.

ASPIN EXPLAINED THAT OTHER OIL RICH COUNTRIES NO LONGER RECEIVE MILITARY AID OR ECONOMIC AID. GENERALLY SPEAKING THE OIL RICH MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES NOW DIRECTLY BUY U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR CASH.

IN FISCAL YEAR 1974 THE U.S. PROVIDED INDONESIA WITH ABOUT 14.8 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF MILITARY AID AND EXPECTS TO GIVE AWAY ANOTHER 25 MILLION DOLLARS DURING FISCAL YEAR 1975.

ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS THE MILITARY AID IS BEING USED FOR SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, SOME TRAINER AIRCRAFT, A FEW SMALL PATROL BOATS AND AMMUNITION.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT JUSTIFIES CONTINUING THE AID BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL ADVANTAGES IT GIVES THE U.S. WITH INDONESIAN MILITARY LEADERS.

"IN SHORT, WE ARE BRIBING INDONESIA'S TOP BRASS WITH FREE WEAPONS IN HOPES THAT THEY WILL BE FAVORABLY INCLINED TO

THE U.S.," ASPIN ASSERTED.

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"APPARENTLY, OUR FREE GIFTS HAVEN'T DONE US ANY GOOD. THE INDONESIANS ARE STILL CHARGING ASTRONOMICALLY HIGH PRICES FOR OIL AND DIRECTLY AGGRAVATING THE U.S. ECONOMIC PROBLEMS," ASPIN CONTENDED.

INDONESIA HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF OPEC SINCE 1962 AND JOINED THE OPEC COUNTRIES RECENTLY IN RAISING OIL PRICES TO TEN DOLLARS PER BARREL. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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